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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, OSA
SUBJECT: Status of IDEALIST Capability

1. This memorandum contains recommendations for the approval of the Assistant Director, OSA. Such recommendations are contained in paragraph 6.

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2. IDEALIST assets were reviewed Friday, 2 November, and decisions to establish an over-all total of seven aircraft and necessary supporting intelligence gathering equipment as well as electronic defensive equipment were approved by the Assistant Director, OSA. A follow up meeting was directed to be accomplished the week of 5 November to establish in some detail exact types of equipment and a time schedule for the complete modernization of the fleet.

3. Taking into consideration the status of present assets in light of anticipated activity in the Far East a number of additional items must be resolved.

a. Aircraft and equipment availability as presently scheduled are as follows:

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<u>Aircraft Number</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Date Available for Operation</u>
342	LAC	Electrical Mod	15 Nov 62
350	LAC	INS Test	1 Jan 63
352	LAC	Test & Electronic Mode	Unknown
355	[REDACTED]	Operationally Ready	
358	LAC	Up-date mode	10 Dec 62
359	Det G	CBA Test	10 Nov 62
367	McCoy AFB		Unknown

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b. [REDACTED] are presently in modification and could be installed in 355 by approximately 5 December 1962. This delay is caused by the requirement to send slipper tanks from aircraft 355 to LAC for modification and return to the detachment. Materiel Division is directing immediate implementation of this action 5 November 1962.

c. To enable Materiel Division to coordinate all of the necessary actions to prepare an aircraft specifically for [REDACTED] it is mandatory that the second aircraft be identified by number immediately. The major limiting factor at this time is that [REDACTED] has not been involved in inflight refueling and the aircraft permanently assigned should not be so equipped. The earliest available aircraft which meets this criteria is number 358 which can be made available for [REDACTED] on or about 10 December 1962.

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